



NOTICE FOR CITY OF ANDOVER NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PUBLIC MEETING

Overall Summary

The City of Andover is required to comply with the latest state storm water quality regulations. The City is authorized to discharge storm water into our lakes, rivers, streams and wetlands as long as it meets the permit requirements as administered by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). The City accomplishes this by operating a series of Best Management Practices (BMP's), which are found in the City's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP).

A public informational meeting will be held during the City Council meeting, 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 2nd at Andover City Hall. This will be preceded by a brief presentation on the components of our storm sewer system and the maintenance involved to keep it operating effectively.

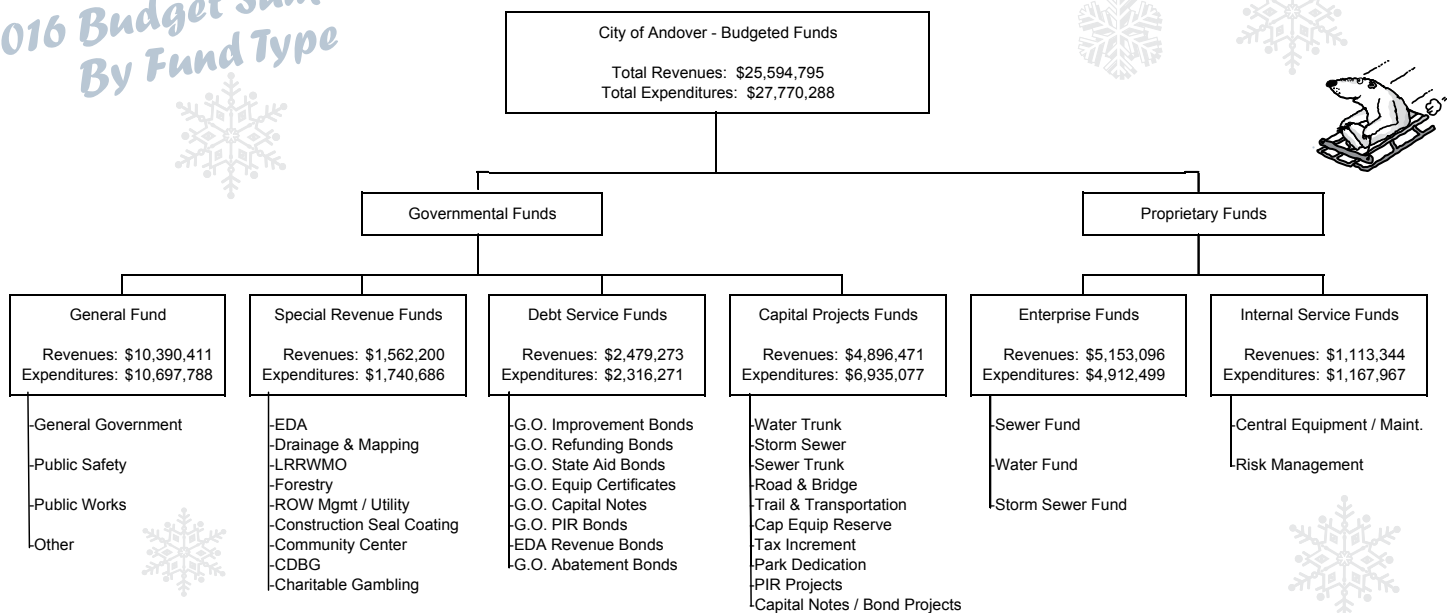
Meeting Components:

- The public will have an opportunity to make oral and/or written comments on the adequacy of the City's program.
- To request a copy of the City's SWPPP contact City Hall or visit the City's website at www.andovermn.gov and follow the links: Your Government, Natural Resources, NPDES Phase II Program/Water Quality.
- The City will consider comments received, modify its SWPPP accordingly and include them in its Annual Report to the MPCA.

CITY OF ANDOVER 2016 BUDGET & CERTIFIED 2016 PROPERTY TAX LEVY

*City of Andover
2016 Budget Summary
By Fund Type*

CITY OF ANDOVER 2016 Budget Summary By Fund Type



Each year the City Council is required by state law to adopt an annual budget and submit a property tax levy certification to Anoka County Property Records and Taxation Division. The deadline for the 2016 budget was December 28th. The 2016 Budget and Tax Levy certification were adopted by the City Council at the December 1, 2015 regular meeting.

The 2016 Budget and Levy certification are the outcomes of budget workshops with the Council and numerous staff meetings. The overall City of Andover 2016 Budget proposes total revenues of \$25,594,795 and total expenditures of \$27,770,288. The \$2,175,493 of expenditures over revenues is largely due to the use of fund balance in the General Fund (\$307,377), the Road and Bridge Fund (\$1,128,473) towards state

aid designated roadway projects, in the Tax Increment Projects Fund (\$730,000) towards redevelopment projects and some offsetting increases/decreases in other funds.

The 2016 Budget proposes a total property tax levy of \$11,593,925 of which, \$2,100,413 is classified as a special levy for the payment of debt. In summary, the proposed tax levy yields a 4.04% percent increase in the gross

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**CITY OFFICES WILL BE
CLOSED THE FOLLOWING**

DATES:

Friday, January 1st

Monday, January 18th

Monday, February 15th

ALL CITY LEGAL NOTICES
ARE PUBLISHED IN THE
CITY'S OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER,
THE:

Anoka County
UNION HERALD

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

Valerie Holthus



Nestled in the shadow of poplar and oak trees on the northwest shores of Round Lake is a beautiful, historical nature park called Kelsey Round Lake Park. Owned and maintained by the City of Andover, this quiet, serene piece of tranquility is a treasure to be sure. The park is being considered for some much needed improvements in the next few years. Several residents have requested that the trails connect to form loops rather than dead ends. Therefore, the Park and Recreation Commission has discussed a plan to improve the trails by using local streets as connections and installing board walks across the wet areas. This park is one of our more beautiful parks in Andover. However, this placid, restful stretch of land wasn't always so peaceful. Along with the shadows of the trees, there are other shadows of intrigue and incredible tragedy.

A History of the Upper Mississippi Valley, Bright, 1881, describes a 1660's account from a Jesuit Father, Allonez. He writes of a surprising discovery of an advanced native Indian society, and while in Wisconsin he wrote, "There is a tribe to the west of here, toward the great river called Messipi. They do not use the gun, only bow and arrow with great dexterity. Their cabins are not covered in bark, but with deerskins well dried and attached together so the cold does not enter. These people are above all other (tribes) and warlike. They speak a language entirely unknown to us and distinct from the Algonquins and Hurons. These people are dreaded by their neighbors and use the bow.....with so much skill that even in flight can discharge their arrows so rapidly that they are to be feared no less in their retreat than in their attack."

These people came to be known as the Dakota Sioux. After researching A Management Plan for the Rum River, MN DNR, 1977, it would be a century before another, more formidable tribe of Ojibway would arrive on the scene to tarnish the Sioux's infallibility. The feud between these two Indian nations flared in a battle near Mille Lacs Lake in 1758 when the Ojibway drove the Dakota from Mde Waken and took control of the Rum River valley.

For the next 100 years, clashes occurred between the rival tribes up and down the river valley between Anoka and Mille Lacs Lake.

In and around what is now our treasured Kelsey Round Lake Park the violent rivalry continued on a day when Americans celebrate our own nation; Independence Day, 1839. The Battle of Rum River, perhaps one of the bloodiest skirmishes between the two tribes, began on July 4. The Dakota, seeking revenge for the murder of a Dakota hunter, waited near an Ojibway camp until the men left to hunt. The Dakota then opened fire. Nearby Ojibway men, hearing the attack, rushed back to the camp to defend the women and children. But before the hunters could return, the Dakota had fled. Seventy Ojibway, mostly women and children, had died. The Dakota had lost 17 warriors.

The next time you're enjoying the trails at Kelsey Round Lake Park, look through the trees at what has been identified as an Indian burial mound, now overgrown with trees and brush. It's hard to imagine the anguish and heartbreak those families must have felt with the loss of their children and other family members. Instead, imagine the way of life those early people lived here in our City: strong, thriving and self-reliant.

CROOKED LAKE ANNUAL MEETING

Residents are invited to find out what's happening with Crooked Lake. Please come to the annual meeting of the Crooked Lake Area Association on February 25th at 7:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) at the Crooked Lake Elementary School. Refreshments provided.

ACCAP CHORES & MORE PROGRAM

One stop shopping for minor home repairs, housekeeping and seasonal chores for people 60 +. We utilize independent contractors and when available volunteer groups. Give a call for more details. New phone number and address, (763) 783-4767, 1201 89th Ave. N.E. Suite 345, Blaine, MN 55434.



CITY OF ANDOVER 2016 BUDGET & CERTIFIED 2016 PROPERTY TAX LEVY

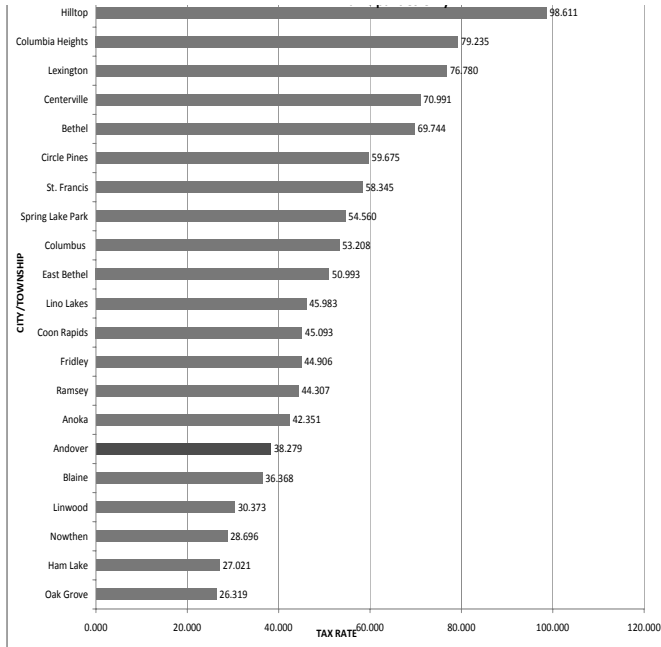
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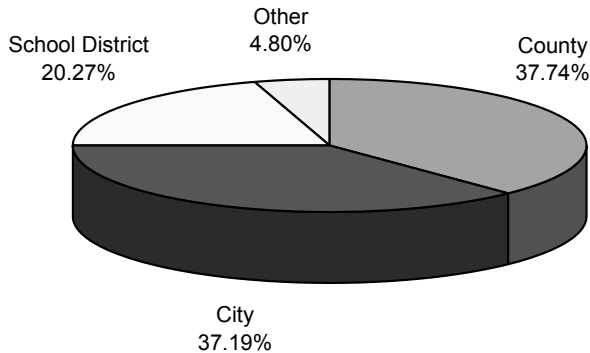
This article contains the City of Andover 2016 Budget in summary form, a property tax rate comparison and various charts and

graphs. For further information on the City of Andover 2016 Budget, please view on the City website www.andovermn.gov or call the City Administrator / Finance Director, Jim Dickinson at (763) 767-5110.

MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN ANOKA COUNTY PROPOSED 2016 CITY TAX RATE COMPARISON MUNICIPALITIES ONLY

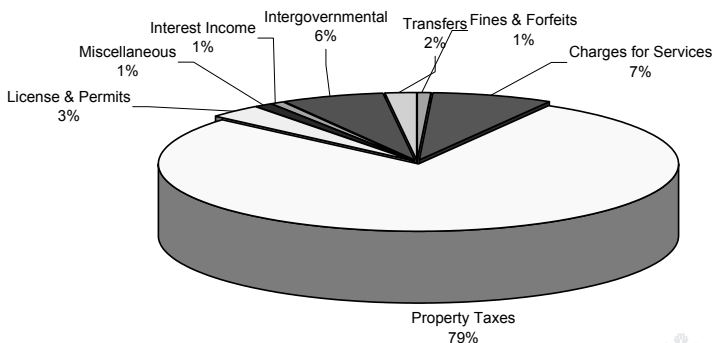


2016 PROPOSED TAX RATE BREAKDOWN



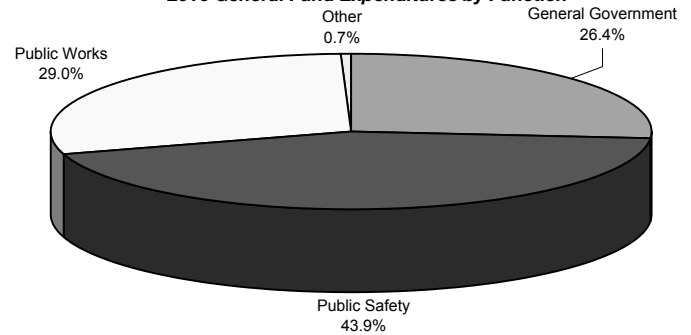
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2016 GENERAL FUND REVENUE COMPARISON

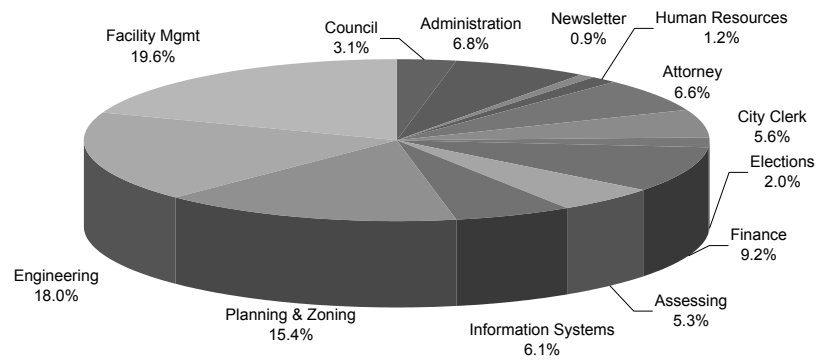


EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION

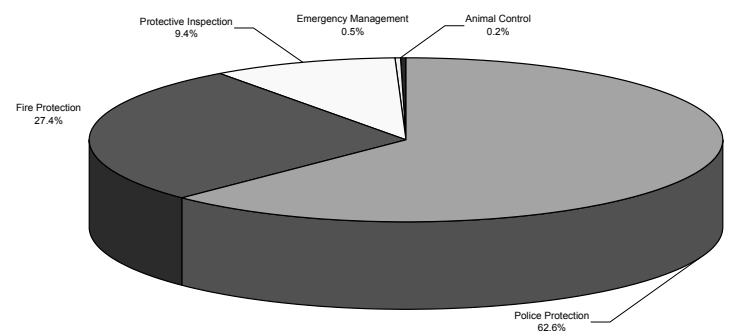
CITY OF ANDOVER 2016 General Fund Expenditures by Function



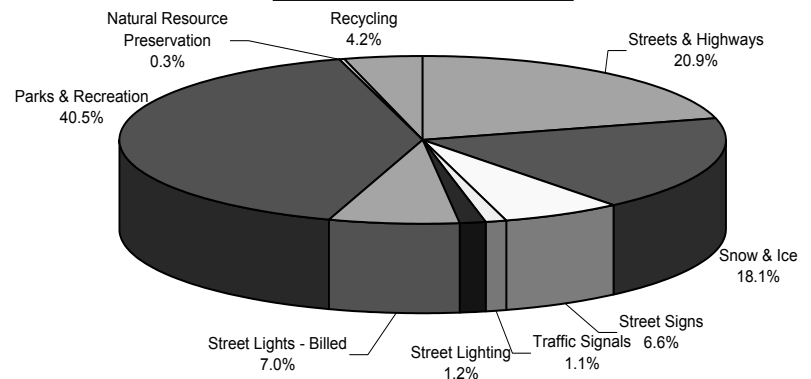
GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES



PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENDITURES



PUBLIC WORKS EXPENDITURES



PARK PLACE

Well here we are at the midst of the winter season and the City is already working on planning for 2016 park improvements. Some of the park improvements that the City will be working on over the next few months to get ready for summer construction include the possibility of replacing the existing playground equipment with new equipment at Andover Lions Park, installing new equipment at Forest Meadows Park, and upgrading the existing playground area at Pine Hills South Park with new fall zones and a concrete border around the playground structure. A survey has been sent out to the neighborhood near the Forest Meadows Park. The results of the survey and what should be done at this park were discussed by the Park & Recreation Commission at their December 17, 2015 meeting.

As far as other projects coming up for this summer, a new irrigation system will be installed at Terrace and Andover Lions Parks. Also other park improvements

include upgrades to be made at Timber Trails Park which will include a new irrigation system to be installed for the existing ball field and soccer field. The existing ball field will be reshaped to accommodate a new grass infield along with new fencing for the backstop, sidelines and outfield area. The new layout for the ball field will be designed to accommodate a couple different age groups for the baseball associations.

For those that have been following the preparation of the Kelsey Round Lake Park Master Plan, the Park & Recreation Commission will be presenting the final draft plan to the City Council on January 26th. At this point, the potential future opportunities include trail development, prairie and woodland restoration, interpretive areas, restroom, picnic shelters, benches, trail signage, nature scape type playground structures, a lookout/picnic area at the south end of the park near Round Lake and additional landscaping.

If you are a winter enthusiast, Andover offers a lot of opportunity to enjoy the winter activities including ice skating, cross country skiing, snowshoeing and downhill sliding. A number of these activities are located in City parks or you can check out one of the Regional County Parks (Bunker Hills and Rum River Central Parks) for winter activities they offer.

For further information regarding City parks, free park maps are available at City Hall or visit the City of Andover's website at www.andovermn.gov. If you are interested in one of the County parks, you can stop by the Bunker Hills Activity Center on Bunker Lake Boulevard NW or visit the Anoka County website at <http://www.anokacountyparks.com/>.

If you have questions about any of these projects or parks in general, feel free to contact Todd Haas at the City at (763) 767-5131.



Groundbreaking for the new Acapulco Restaurant on Bunker and Ibis. Opening summer 2016.



Ribbon Cutting for The Round Barn Trading Company

PRESCHOOL FAIR

The Andover/Ramsey Moms Club will be hosting a FREE Preschool Fair on Friday, January 22nd from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Andover Community Center. It's a great opportunity to meet various preschools throughout Anoka County in one location. We'll have prizes, food and activities as well. We ask that you bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the ACBC Food Shelf. For each food item you bring, you'll be entered into a drawing for various gift certificates to local merchants. The Andover Community Center is located at 15200 Hanson Boulevard NW, Andover. If you have any questions, please contact Jenni Kulseth at jenni.kulseth@gmail.com

SPECIAL ELECTION

Due to the vacant Senate District 35 seat a Primary Special Election will be held in the City of Andover on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 and a Special Election will be held in the City of Andover on Tuesday, February 9, 2016. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Precinct #1	Hope Lutheran Church 16180 Round Lake Boulevard NW	Precinct #7	Andover City Hall Council Chambers 1685 Crosstown Boulevard NW
Precinct #2	Grace Lutheran Church 13655 Round Lake Boulevard NW	Precinct #8	Andover Senior Center 1685 Crosstown Boulevard NW
Precinct #3	Riverdale Assembly of God Church 3210 Bunker Lake Boulevard NW	Precinct #9	Bunker Hills Activity Center 550 Bunker Lake Boulevard NW
Precinct #4	Crooked Lake Elementary School 2939 Bunker Lake Boulevard NW	Precinct #10	Andover Elementary School 14950 Hanson Boulevard NW
Precinct #5	Andover Christian Church 16045 Nightingale Street NW		

Please note precincts #7 and #8 have changed polling locations for this election ONLY.

If you are unsure of where you vote, you can access the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.state.mn.us to find your correct polling place or call City Hall at (763) 755-5100. For more information about elections, go to the City's website or www.anokacounty.us/elections



A FAMILY HAPPY NEW YEAR EVENT



Join us Thursday, December 31st for A Family Happy New Year Event. Admission wristbands are \$5 and includes inflatable bounce houses and slide as well as tot toys from 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. and ice skating from 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Fun for all ages! Skate rental available for \$3/pr.

ICE SKATING PROGRAMS

INTRODUCTION TO ICE - This program is designed to introduce the sport of ice skating to students who have no skating experience and are between the ages of 3 - 6. Each class is 30 minutes in length and features age appropriate, off and on-ice activities including games and music. At the end of this session, students will be given a "Good Job" award with instructor's evaluation notes. Saturday morning and weekday classes available and range from 3 - 4 weeks in length.

ICE SKATING LESSONS - The Andover Skate School offers ice skating lesson programs for skaters, age 3 - Adult. Classes include a 30 minute lesson and 30 minute on-ice practice time. The first week of class, coaches will teach safety precautions, introduce skills and ensure students are in the correct class. Students will also receive a complimentary \$10 punch card to use towards skate rental, skate sharpening and/or future open skate sessions. Students will be evaluated during the last two days of class and achievement cards and certificates will be awarded. Students must pass all skills to advance to the next level. Winter program will be held Saturday mornings, January 9 - February 27 (8 sessions \$95).

INDOOR YOUTH SOCCER PROGRAM

The Andover Community Center will be offering a winter youth indoor soccer program for boys and girls ages 4 - 9. This program will focus on individual skill development and having fun! Teams will practice skills for the first 30 minutes then play a game against another team for the remaining 30 minutes of the program. This program is a great start for beginners and fun for those who have already played organized soccer. Soccer program will be held at the Andover Community Center, Saturday mornings January 16 - March 5 (8 weeks), \$89 per player. All players will receive a team t-shirt and award. Teams will be organized into age appropriate levels.



SUNDAY NIGHT OPEN VOLLEYBALL 16+

- Minimum Age 16+
- No Claiming Courts
- Play one game, rotate out and let waiting teams play
- Limit game scoring to 21 points
- \$3 Residents / \$5 Non-Resident
- I.D.'s Required

Refer to monthly open gym activity calendars, as volleyball is not offered all Sundays.

Schedules located at www.AndoverMN.Gov/ACC

OPEN ADULT HOCKEY

Drop-in adult hockey is held most Mondays & Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. No need to pre-register, attend when you can. Admission is \$5 per skater, goalies skate free. For specific dates and times, check the Ice Arena Activity Calendar on the website at www.AndoverMN.Gov/ACC.

ACC 3 V 3 MITE HOCKEY



The Andover Community Center Ice Arena will host ACC 3 v 3 hockey for mites looking to extend their hockey season. This program is available for both boys and girls and open to the public (not just Andover residents). 3 v 3 hockey promotes offensive skill development by playing in a small area and having fewer players. This format gives all players more time with the puck and encourages creativity. Players participating in this program must have previous hockey experience. Registration is limited and accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Cost is \$109.00 per skater (includes jersey). Program will be held March 8, 13, 22, April 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1 (8 sessions).

PICKLEBALL

Pickleball is a combination of tennis, badminton, ping pong and racquetball - easy to learn, great exercise and lots of fun for all ages. Admission is \$4 or purchase a punch card (\$30 value) for \$25. Sign in and pay admissions at the information desk next to the ice arena. Bring your own paddle or we do have a few on-hand you may borrow. Dates/times are published on the Andover Community Center Field House (gym) Schedule. Schedules are located in lobby racks and at www.AndoverMN.Gov/ACC.



Coming soon -
Pickleball lessons
for beginners!

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

The Andover YMCA Community Center offers several adult opportunities, including monthly pot-lucks, book club, indoor walking, educational seminars and classes, bingo and fitness opportunities. Adult activity calendars are available in lobby racks or on our website at www.AndoverMN.Gov/ACC Contact Jodi at the YMCA (763) 230-6552. Most activities are available to everyone, you do not need to be a member of the YMCA.

INDOOR WALKING

Indoor walking is available Monday - Friday, 5:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. All walkers sign-in at the YMCA front desk and walk around the perimeter of the community center field house (10 laps, equals one (1) mile). 1/2 season passes for non-YMCA Members are \$25 (or \$1 per day) and walking is free for YMCA members. Walkers must register at the Andover YMCA front desk. If you have any additional questions, please contact the Andover YMCA at (763) 230-9622 or Andover Community Center (763) 755-3238.

TOT-TIME OPEN GYM

Tot-Time Open Gym will be offered most Mondays & Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. - Noon in the Andover Community Center Field House. Parents/caregivers and kids, infant - K, will meet new friends and get to socialize and play in a non-structured, super fun, environment! There are many items available for children to play with and lots of room for them to run. Daily admission fees apply. No need to pre-register. Refer to the field house open gym schedule for specific meeting dates. Tot-Time will not be offered days when students in District #11 are not in session. For more details on Bounce House Days, Craft Days and Story Time during the 2015/2016 season, visit our website at www.AndoverMN.Gov/ACC.

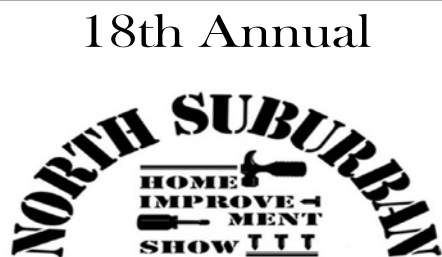


LOCK-IN'S, BUSINESS MEETINGS, FIELD TRIPS, BIRTHDAY PARTIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Don't forget about the Andover YMCA Community Center when organizing your 2015-2016 student field trips or events. Party/meeting room rentals, ice skating and gym activities available! Contact us at (763) 755-3238 for more information.

OPEN GYM AND OPEN SKATE

All open gym and open skate times are included on our monthly schedules. All schedules are available in the community center lobby and on the web at www.AndoverMN.Gov/ACC. As a reminder you do not need to be a member of the YMCA to utilize the community center ice arena or field house.



Saturday, March 12, 2016

9 am— 3 pm

Andover YMCA Community Center
15200 Hanson Blvd. NW
Andover

FREE ADMISSION

- 100+ EXHIBITORS & CITY REPRESENTATIVES
- DOOR PRIZES
- DEMONSTRATIONS
- KIDS WORKSHOP, SPONSORED BY 

Free Admission, however please consider



bringing a non-perishable food item.

Cub Scout Pack 609 will be



Collecting items for the ACBC Food Shelf

The North Suburban Home Improvement Show is sponsored by the cities of Andover, Anoka, Coon Rapids, the Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce and MetroNorth Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, visit

www.NorthSuburbanHomeShow.Org

CRALL Baseball Coon Rapids/Andover American Little League

Baseball/T-Ball for
Girls and Boys (ages 4-13)

Registration @
www.CRALLbaseball.com
(starting January 1st)

Go to CRALLbaseball.com for onsite
registration site time/locations
email CRALLbaseball@gmail.com
with questions..



CLEAN WATER STARTS AT HOME TIP #1: UPCOMING YARD PROJECT? PLAN FOR PERMIT(S)!

Want a shed, pool, retaining wall, fence, playground area, or deck for your property? Protect the environment; plan ahead at least three months. You may need multiple permits. Find out more here: <http://moourl.com/CWtip1>

Clean water is worth it.

Information provided by Coon Creek Watershed District.

COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

For those that are interested in gardening and were not fortunate enough to rent a plot in 2015, the City in partnership with Grace Lutheran Church will continue having Community Garden plots available in 2016. However by the time you receive this newsletter, some of the plots may have already been sold for the upcoming season to those that rented last year. So as of right now, if you are a resident of Andover or if are an individual employed by a business or other agency that is located within the City of Andover, starting January 4th you will have the first opportunity to submit an application and pay the fee for any plots that are remaining. Beginning March 28th, plots will be open for purchase to the general public, including those that do not live or work in the City of Andover. On April 18th, rental of additional plots will begin, if some are still available.

New this year, all plots are now the same sizes (20 ft. x 30 ft.). The new fee for each plot is now \$40.

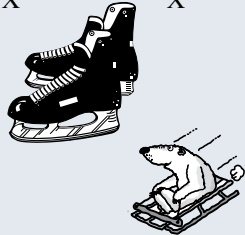
The fee collected pays for the use of water for the gardens, topsoil that was purchased for the site and the installation of the water service. Applications along with Guidelines to Happy Gardening are available on the City of Andover's website or stop by City Hall.

If you have questions about the Community Garden Plot, feel free to stop by City Hall or contact Todd Haas at the City at (763) 767-5131.

ICE SKATING RINKS & SLIDING HILLS

Listed below are park ice rinks that will be maintained by the Public Works Parks Department throughout the skating season.

PARK	LOCATION	WARMING HOUSE	HOCKEY RINK	ICE SKATING
Prairie Knoll	595 - 146 th Lane	X	X	X
Crooked Lake School	2939 Bunker Lake Boulevard	X	X	X
Hawkrigde	18001 Verdin Street	X	X	X
City Complex East/West	1885 Crosstown Boulevard	X	X	X
Nordeens	15535 Juniper Street			X
Hidden Creek North	2620 Bunker Lake Boulevard			X
Hidden Creek East	2156 - 135 th Lane			X



SLIDING HILL (LIGHTED)

Andover Station North	1823 - 139 th Lane
Prairie Knoll Park	595 - 146 th Lane

WARMING HOUSE HOURS OF OPERATION AND RINK ATTENDANTS ARE:

- Monday, Tuesday & Thursday - (Andover Huskies Youth Hockey Association), 4:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday - 4:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Friday - 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday - 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday - 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

HOLIDAYS AND DISTRICT #11 SCHOOL BREAKS WARMING HOUSE HOURS ARE:

- Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
1:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday & Friday
1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

WINTER REMINDERS FROM PUBLIC WORKS...

✓ **MAILBOX REQUIREMENTS** - The base of the box should be 48-50" above street level. The post should be 20" back from the curb. The face of the mailbox should line up with the curb. The snowplow wing needs the 48" height clearance to avoid hitting the box and the 20" from the curb to clear the post. The City does NOT assume liability for mailboxes damaged during plowing operations, unless it is determined the plow made direct contact with a mailbox that is properly installed using the standard 4 x 4 post and metal box requirements. Decorative mailboxes are not within the requirements and will not be replaced if damaged. The mailbox should be secured to the base and post and the post securely in the ground, no rotting wood. There should not be any plastic newspaper tubes or attachments to the mailbox below the 44" minimum height requirement. (See mailbox placement diagram on the City website at www.andovermn.gov).

✓ **TRAILS** are plowed during the regular scheduled working shift with the exception of trails within a 2-mile radius of a school. These trails are plowed as soon as possible during regular plowing operations.

✓ **CUL-DE-SAC** streets are plowed by smaller snow removal vehicles. You may notice the large plow truck will clear one path while turning around in the cul-de-sac, but the smaller plows will clear the street curb to curb. Plow operators try to evenly distribute snow throughout the cul-de-sac, but limited space makes it difficult. **Reminder to keep cul-de-sacs clear of all sports equipment such as hockey nets and**

basketball hoops. Plow operators cannot leave the vehicle to move objects left in the road.

✓ **DO NOT** plow, shovel or blow snow ONTO or ACROSS any public roadway. Minnesota State Statue 160.27 -

The Minnesota Department of Transportation reminds everyone it is against state law to deposit snow onto a public roadway. Dumping or plowing snow onto a roadway can create a slippery area, frozen rut or bump, which has the potential to contribute to a motor vehicle or pedestrian accident.

MN Statue 160.27 and many local ordinances prohibit the plowing, blowing, shoveling, or otherwise placing of snow from sidewalks, driveways, and parking lots onto public roadways. The public is cautioned that violations are misdemeanors and civil liability can extend to both the property owner and the person/company who placed the snow improperly.

✓ **GARBAGE CANS/recycle bins should be placed approximately 2 feet behind the curb IN the driveway.** Plow operators cannot leave the vehicle to move objects left in the road.

✓ **SPRINKLER SYSTEMS** placed in the curb right-of-way are not the responsibility of the City if damaged during snowplowing operations.

✓ **SOD DAMAGE** caused by the snowplow during plowing operations will be repaired

in the spring by the Street Department with black dirt and seed. If you have damage and would like it repaired, feel free to call the Street Department at (763) 767-5178 to be put on a list for spring repairs.

✓ **NO PARKING** on any City street after 2 inches or more snowfall until the streets have been plowed curb to curb. The City of Andover observes a parking ordinance during the winter months, which is **NO PARKING** on any City street between the hours of 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. from November 1st to April 15th. Cars parked or left unattended in a City street during plowing operations will be tagged and towed.

✓ **CITY PARK** parking lots that are NOT required to stay open during winter months will not be plowed.

✓ **LEAVES/grass clippings** should not be blown or raked into City streets or along roadways. The Bunker Hills Compost Site at 13285 Hanson Boulevard is available for residents through November, weather permitting. For more information call Anoka County Integrated Waste Management at (763) 323-5730.

✓ **TREE TRIMMING** is done during the winter months when the Street Department is not busy with snowplowing. Fall and winter are the best times to prune or remove trees blocking signs, obstructing traffic visibility or in the right-of-way. Feel free to contact the Street Department at (763) 767-5178 with any questions or concerns.

ECRWSS
RESIDENT
Andover, MN 55304

POSTMASTER: TIME SENSITIVE MAIL



DATED MATERIAL

LIBRARY FOCUS: FREE WINTER READS PROGRAM

Doesn't winter go faster with a good book to read? To help explore great new books, for free, join Anoka County Library's Winter Reads program for adults during January and February. Participants receive a bookmark and a brief review form to fill out for a book read in these months. Completed reviews then serve as entries into regular drawings for small prizes, as well as ways to share and learn from others about books. With no limit to number of entries, each added review expands chances of winning.

Winter Reads also offers opportunities for author events and social media posting of selfies with books you're reading at

#Ireadthis. Too, with library eBooks so greatly expanded, you won't even need to leave the warmth of home to access a host of fine reads this winter. For more on Winter Reads and upcoming activities—like our special 3/26/16 Library Mini Golf event—please contact Rum River Library, 4201 6th Ave. NW, Anoka, (763) 576-4695, or anokacountylibrary.org.



JANUARY + FEBRUARY 2016
Winter Reads
WINTER READING FOR ADULTS

RECONSTRUCTION OF BUNKER LAKE BOULEVARD EAST OF HANSON BOULEVARD SCHEDULED FOR 2016

Work on a project to widen and reconstruct a 2.3 mile segment of Bunker Lake Blvd. from Crane St. to Jefferson St. will begin in early 2016.

The Anoka County Highway Department will reconstruct the existing two-lane roadway into an urban, four-lane divided roadway with a center median and curb, gutter, and outside shoulders. Major intersections will be reconstructed and turn lanes added at all public streets. In addition, bus/truck pull-out lanes will be installed at the BNSF railroad crossing, a pedestrian bicycle path will be added to improve safety and provide a connection to regional trails, and a box culvert underpass

will be constructed east of Bunker Lake to provide safe access to Bunker Hills Regional Park from the neighborhoods to the north.

Anoka County Highway engineers worked closely with members of the public and city officials from Andover and Ham Lake to refine the project design to better meet the needs of motorists and area residents. Design changes include the addition of a sidewalk on the west side of Crane St. to provide access to the trail along Bunker Lake Blvd. and the addition of an eastbound left turn lane at Wintergreen St. to allow safer access to the neighborhood. Prior to the addition of this "left-in" turn

lane, traffic entering the neighborhood from eastbound Bunker Lake Boulevard had to make a U-turn at Sycamore Street, requiring motorists to cross the railroad tracks twice. Additional design changes include the addition of a traffic signal at the intersection of Bunker Lake Blvd. and Sycamore St. (pending approval from MnDOT) and extending the project 2000 feet to include the intersection of Bunker Lake Blvd. and Van Buren St. in the City of Ham Lake.

When the project moves into the construction phase, more information will be posted at www.anokacounty.us/highway.